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Mr. Wayne Budrus
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Huntington District
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Huntington, WV 25701

Dear Mr. Budrus:

On June 24 and 25, 2004, I conducted aerial surveys for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at eight U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects located within the Huntington District. I am pleased to report that no defoliation was detected at, or in the vicinity of Alum Creek, Burnsville Lake, Delaware Lake, Dillon Lake, Mohawk Dam, North Branch of Kokosing River, Summersville Lake and Sutton Lake.

However, if you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2005, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 27, 2004.

I have also enclosed a pest alert on the emerald ash borer, *Agrilus planipennis*. This exotic beetle feeds on various species of ash and is a major threat to the ash resource of the region. Emerald ash borer has been detected in areas of Ohio, Michigan, Virginia and Maryland. The two most common ways of spreading emerald ash borer is through the movement of infested nursery stock or through the movement of infested fire wood. Additional information on emerald ash borer can be found at www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/eab.

Please contact me of the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter or emerald ash borer.

Sincerely,

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Forester
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Enclosure

Cc: Robert Wattenshaidt, Alum Creek
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